



SMART OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 13, 2010
1:30 p.m.

750 Lindero St., Tamalpais Room
San Rafael, CA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of November 12, 2009, Minutes - **DISCUSSION/ACTION****
- III. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items
- IV. General Manager Report (Lillian Hames) – **DISCUSSION**
- V. Public Workshop on Rail Vehicle Design (Chris Coursey/LTK Engineering) – **DISCUSSION/ACTION***
- VI. Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2010, Santa Rosa City Council Chambers – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**
- VII. Adjourn – **ACTION**

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MINUTES OF SMART OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
November 12, 2009
750 Lindero Street, First Floor – TAM Conference Room
San Rafael, CA

I. Call to Order

Director Breen called the meeting order. This was a meeting of the Committee of the Whole and the following were present:

Peter Breen
Jim Eddie
Jake Mackenzie
Carol Russell
Charles McGlashan

II. Approval of May 13, 2009 Minutes

Director Breen asked for approval of the minutes. Director Mackenzie moved and Director Russell seconded. It passed unanimously.

III. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

IV. LTK Work Scope and Schedule

Lillian Hames introduced the topic to the committee. The LTK work scope would be primarily be on vehicle design. John Lackey, Capital Projects Director, gave the background summary of LTK scope that included Buy America vehicles, ADA level boarding, including on-board restrooms and other items needed or requested by the Board. Dominic DiBrito, Project Manager for LTK, stated he would be the point of contact for LTK. He reviewed the history of the Board's decision to pursue FRA-compliant vehicles.

Mr. DiBrito discussed the latest developments in the DMU market since July 2009, including a task force that has been put together, the Railway Safety Advisory Committee(RSAC). RSAC essentially makes recommendations to the FRA about regulations. From time to time RSAC implements groups or task forces to look at specific issues. Due to the requests of many agencies and the number of waiver petitions the FRA received over the recent years, FRA has decided it may need to streamline the waiver process and with the advent of crash energy management, these new systems have given the FRA a little more comfort in accepting this type of vehicle. A "cookbook" is being proposed to outline the requirements for achieving a waiver for CEM vehicles that, with positive train control, would eliminate a requirement for temporal separation.

The process only would address the crashworthiness of the vehicle but not all other items that still would not be compliant with FRA requirements. The cookbook may be released as soon as March 2010. Mr. DiBrito is one of two LTK employees on the task force and will keep the Committee informed. Meanwhile, he recommends SMART proceed as planned.

Mr. DiBrito presented the timeline portion of the presentation and stated these would be fast-track specifications in order to meet SMART's scheduled start-up in 2014. The draft specifications would go out in January, followed by public and industry review and comment. The car builders would have about three months to propose. Around the beginning of 2011, he would expect able to give the winning car builder notification.

Chair McGlashan asked if legal expertise would be needed for the review process. Ms. Hames stated yes. Greg Dion stated Hanson Bridgett would have the expertise. Mr. DiBrito stated by March 15, 2010, he would hope to have all stake-holders feedback. Director Russell asked about the contractor and subcontractor - what would be the process to judge their financial capacity? Mr. DiBrito stated SMART could request their financial statements and capacity to bond and capacity for production. Director Mackenzie stated SMART should set the bar high. Director McGlashan asked that there be a matrix.

Chris Coursey, Community Outreach Manager, stated the public would be invited to be a part of this process. SMART had discussed having a rail vehicle advisory committee but very few applications were received and the timing of the specifications process indicates the need for a different approach. The Staff's recommendation would be that the Operations Committee convenes some workshops to involve the public in this process. The first workshop could be held on December 9, 2009. The next date would be in January and/or February Operations Committee meeting.

Steve Birdlebough asked about the design/build. Mr. Lackey stated the vehicle would be a design/build contract but SMART has not yet decided on design/build on other portions of the project.

Lionel Gambill felt that SMART ridership will grow rapidly and we need to be prepared for that. He also asked about the length of the train the seating capacity.

V. Status of NCRA Operating Agreement Negotiations

Ms. Hames stated there has been ongoing discussion and there was a draft operations agreement NCRA was reviewing. A conference call has been scheduled for tomorrow that would include SMART's attorneys. Mr. Dion stated Staff would be brief the Board at the December Board meeting. Mr. Coursey stated NCRA had re-issued the DEIR for review.

VI. Adjournment

Before adjournment, Chair McGlashan stated he was sorry to say that this would be Director Peter Breen's last Operations Committee Meeting and he would be missed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.